

GRANDE RONDE INDIAN AGENCY, OREGON.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

An amendment to the Indian appropriation bill for certain incidental expenses in Oregon.

JANUARY 19, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 14, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 13th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to the amount embraced in the Indian appropriation bill now before the House, for the Indian service, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, for incidental expenses in Oregon.

The Commissioner states that the funds now provided by said bill (\$40,000) will be inadequate for the support of the Indians, and recommends that the sum be increased to \$50,000.

Concurring in the recommendation of the Commissioner, I respectfully request that the bill above referred to be amended by striking out the words "forty thousand," on lines 1605 and 1606, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifty thousand."

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 13, 1875.

SIR: The last installments of annuity provided by the treaty of November 29, 1854, with the Umpquas and Calapooias of Umpqua Valley, Oregon, (St. 10, p. 1125,) and by the treaty of January 22, 1855, with the Calapooias, Molallas, and Clackamas of Willamette Valley, in said

State, (St. 10, p. 1143,) having been appropriated for the present fiscal year to the amount, under both treaties, of \$7,950, while the sum of \$75,000, embraced in the general estimate of appropriations for the Indian service during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, for incidental expenses in Oregon, has, as will be seen by reference to the present Indian appropriation bill, as reported to the House, been reduced to \$40,000, the funds now provided by said bill for this branch of the service will be inadequate to enable the office to furnish the necessary means for the support of the agency for these Indians, and to meet absolute necessities. I have the honor therefore to recommend that Congress be requested to so amend the bill referred to as to provide not less than the sum of \$50,000 for the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in Oregon, in order that the Department may have the necessary funds for the support of the Grande Ronde agency and the Indians thereof during the next fiscal year.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.